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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0052

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT ET

SUBJECT: WATER SHORTAGE IN ASMARA

1. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK OF JAN 19, THE PRINCIPAL WATER MAIN LEADING INTO ASMARA FROM THE LARGE SUPPLY RESERVOIR WAS DAMAGED BY UNKNOWN PERSONS, PRESUMABLY INSURGENTS. THE DAMAGE TOOK PLACE APPROXIMATELY 14 KMS WSW OF THE CITY.

2. IN RADIO ASMARA BROADCAST TO THE CITIZENS OF ASMARA EVENING OF JAN 21, THE GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGED THE DISRUPTION TO THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY AND ASKED THE LOCAL POPULATION TO CONSERVE WATER FOR THE NEXT 2-3 DAYS UNTIL THE DAMAGED WATER PIPE CAN BE REPAIRED.

3. I DISCUSSED THIS WITH BG GETACHEW NADEW, MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR OF ERITREA, THIS MORNING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND HE

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CONFIRMED THAT THE DAMAGE HAD OCCURRED, BUT SAID THAT ARMED

TROOPS HAD ESCORTED REPAIR TEAMS TO THE POINT OF DAMAGE AND THAT THE REPAIRS SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN A MAXIMUM OF 3 DAYS. MEANWHILE, A MINIMUM QUANTITY OF WATER IS BEING BROUGHT TO THE CITY FROM SMALLER RESERVOIRS.

4. WATER DISCIPLINE HAS BEEN INVOKED AT THE CONGEN COMPOUND AND AT KAGNEW FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHORTAGE.
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